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OCTOBER

- 1** Our men's and women's golf teams travel to Salina today. Pray that they put forth their best effort and that they play in a Christ-like manner.
- 2** Pray for the Fall Theology Conference, that those who are wrestling with the goodness of God in light of the evil in the world, will find answers that are intellectually and emotionally satisfying. Pray that there is good attendance and participation at the event.
- 3** As our coaches and student-athletes travel to away games this year, ask God for their protection and travel mercies. Ask God to send his angels to guard with watchful eyes over them wherever they go.
- 4** The Sterling swim team competes in its first meet today. Give thanks to God for guiding these student-athletes to Sterling and for the gifts and abilities He has blessed them with.
- 5** Lift up our Campus Activities Board who will host many fun events for the students this year. Ask that community and friendships be built through these events.
- 6** Praise God for new faculty members who started this fall! Pray that they and their families adjust well to life in Sterling.
- 7** This is Homecoming Week and a very busy time for everyone. Pray for rest and focus on the tasks at hand.
- 8** Pray a special blessing over the class reunions occurring during Homecoming Weekend.
- 9** Cinderella's first showing is in two nights. Ask that the Lord provide energy for a memorable performance.
- 10** There is a special dinner today honoring some of the scholarship recipients and the alumni who provide those scholarships. Thank God for those with the ability and desire to give financially to Sterling so that we can continue to provide scholarships to our students.
- 11** Pray that our campus sees the legacy that they are a part of, as they attend Sterling's Heritage Convocation this morning.
- 12** It's Homecoming! Praise the Lord for all the alumni who call Sterling home.
- 13** Praise God for the Board of Trustees and their dedication in serving God at Sterling College.
- 14** Our student life staff lives with the students, eat with the students and share joys, fears and losses with our students. Pray for their own spirits to be daily renewed as they share their lives and God's grace and love with our students.
- 15** Give praise to God for our recent alumni award winners. May their lives continue reflecting Christ and serve as examples to future leaders that emerge from Sterling.
- 16** Both the men's and women's soccer teams play today. Ask God to bless the coaches, our players and our opponent. Pray that their attitudes, competition and actions represent Him.
- 17** Midterm grades are due today. Pray for our faculty as they dedicate their time to grading.
- 18** As students and faculty enjoy Fall Breather today, pray God will fill them with His restoring peace and strength as they take a break during a busy semester.
- 19** For our football team, ask God to grant the players and coaches strength to pursue excellence in their game today.
- 20** Pray for the cross country teams today as they race. Ask God to give them the grace to run their best, to be a good sport and to honor Him with their efforts.
- 21** Spring enrollment begins this week. Ask God to give students the diligence to plan their schedule well, so that they may finish their academic pursuits in a timely manner.
- 22** Pray for the Department of Business. Ask God to lead them as they teach the future business leaders and instill values of servant leadership.
- 23** Thank God for the student-athletes He has brought to our volleyball team. Give thanks for the hours they have dedicated to the team demonstrating leadership and commitment.
- 24** Remember in your prayers the Office of Student Success and the students they serve.
- 25** Pray that God would prepare hearts as our advancement team meets with alumni and friends who are considering calendar year-end gifts. Praise God for those who bless the College with financial gifts.
- 26** Lift up the Sterling Police Department for their role in ensuring our campus and community are safe.
- 27** Pray that the Holy Spirit uses this evening's chapel service to touch hearts and change lives.
- 28** Pray for the Education Department as they strive for excellence as they prepare our students to lead their own classrooms.
- 29** Praise God for our new campus chaplain. Pray that God blesses this role and the ministry it provides for Sterling College.
- 30** Thank God for our housekeeping staff who share the love of Christ through their daily interactions with our students.
- 31** Thank God for the mentorship our faculty provide to one another and newcomers. We are thankful for the leadership and service at Sterling College.

NOVEMBER

- 1 Praise God for people who love Sterling and are sharing that passion with young people, encouraging them to do a campus visit, apply and attend.
- 2 Active and veteran military are special guests at our home football game today. Say a prayer of thanksgiving for their service and the sacrifices of their families. Ask God to watch over and protect them.
- 3 Praise God for the resident assistants on campus. Pray that God will equip each of them with the tools they need to serve those in their dorms.
- 4 Pray for our science faculty as they teach the next generation of scientists and doctors.
- 5 Pray for the health of our alumni, students, parents, faculty and staff as we go into flu season.
- 6 Ask God to surround people who are grieving with friends to comfort them. Fill them with hope.
- 7 Lift up the communications and media faculty as they share their talents with our students.
- 8 Thank God for the student leaders we have on the Sterling College campus and pray God will continue to foster their leadership abilities and provide opportunities for growth and development.
- 9 Pray for the resident directors as they seek ways to connect and respond to the needs of the students in their dorms.
- 10 Thank God for the many area businesses that provide employment for our students as they work to help pay their way through school.
- 11 Give thanks for those who have fought fearlessly for our freedom.
- 12 Pray for those working in financial aid! Paying for college can be expensive, stressful, and sometimes confusing. Thank the Lord for these caring Sterling employees who help students in this essential process.
- 13 Ask God to bless with wisdom those involved in the decisions made by the academic affairs committee.
- 14 Pray for our department chairs, that they would be selfless leaders that look to God for guidance.
- 15 Some of our students can struggle with depression, addictions, eating disorders and other mental health issues. Thank God for our campus counselors and pray for the students' willingness to seek help.

- 16 Pray for the students who struggle with balancing a job and class attendance.
- 17 Thank God for the admissions staff that are hosting a Preview Weekend. Pray that students and parents are encouraged and enlightened throughout their day of meeting professors and students.
- 18 Ask God to give discernment to the vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, as he leads the academic programs on campus.
- 19 The students will each spend a significant amount of time in the cafeteria this year. Pray for the conversations they'll have and the relationships they'll build during meals, that both would be glorifying to God.
- 20 Pray for the faculty in our music department as they share their enthusiasm for music.
- 21 Pray for our seniors as they are wrapping up their undergraduate degrees and preparing for continued education, internships and jobs.
- 22 Pray for students seeking academic counseling and for resources to continue to be provided for them.
- 23 Lift up the language and literature faculty as they share their passions for their disciplines.
- 24 Please pray for our students to have positive attitudes about their academics and to have a thirst to learn.
- 25 Praise God for the lives of those who are impacting today's world in the name of Jesus.
- 26 Thanksgiving break begins today. Pray for the students who are unable to return home for the holiday but are able to rest and celebrate with friends and family nearby.
- 27 Lift up a prayer of thanksgiving for the local community of Sterling College who support the College and her mission in countless ways.
- 28 Happy Thanksgiving Day! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. 1 Chronicles 16:34
- 29 Pray for the art and design faculty as they share their creativity with their students.
- 30 Pray for students seeking life counseling and for it to be provided to them.

DECEMBER

- 1 On this first Sunday of Advent, pray to God "Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the coming of Jesus Christ. Amen."
- 2 As the end of the semester nears, pray that the students' final exams will be a celebration of all they have learned this semester. Pray that they are grateful for their experiences and opportunities to grow.
- 3 Thank God for the maintenance staff and all that they do for our College.
- 4 Some of our students have aching hearts for various reasons. Lift them up to God for healing and comfort.
- 5 Praise God for our Chartwells cafeteria staff who tirelessly lead by serving the Sterling College campus. Pray that faculty, staff and students receive nourishment with gratitude and express their thanks.
- 6 Pray for the safety of the construction workers working on the Gleason Center Expansion. Pray that the project progresses quickly and efficiently.
- 7 Give thanks for the talents that our students will be sharing at the Choral Christmas concert tonight.
- 8 As final exams week begins tomorrow, pray for calm minds so that students may perform on the exams to the best of their ability. Pray they are blessed with a peaceful night of sleep and are refreshed for each day of exams.
- 9 Pray for the staff of Sterling College Online Learning, as they operate a growing branch of Sterling College education.
- 10 Praise God for the generous alumni and friends who are funding our campus expansion and endowment growth through the SterlingNOW Campaign. Pray that more students' lives will be touched as a result of these projects.
- 11 Pray for all the professors who are finishing their grading activities. Thank God for their faithfulness to their students and to the mission of Sterling College.
- 12 Pray for the students in the Master of Science in Athletic Training program and the Master of Arts in Sports Ministry program and give thanks they chose Sterling College to further their education.
- 13 Christmas break officially begins today. Pray for students as they journey back home or to a friend's house.
- 14 Praise God for all of our prayer warriors who consistently lift us up in prayer!
- 15 Pray for the vice president for administration and institutional initiatives, as he oversees campus improvements, infrastructure and expansion projects.

- 16 Pray that we may focus on Christ during this busy holiday season.
- 17 Ask God to provide comfort to those students who long for family peace.
- 18 Pray that our students will share their talents with receptive audiences and be effective ambassadors for Sterling.
- 19 Pray for students who are considering transferring to another college. As they seek counsel, pray that the Lord will guide them in their decisions.
- 20 Pray that we all find ways to include God's Holy Scripture in our daily lives.
- 21 Pray that Sterling would continue to pursue, in excellence, its mission to develop creative and thoughtful leaders who understand a maturing Christian faith.
- 22 Praise God for a chance to gather in His presence as we worship in church today. May we not take for granted the ability we have to publicly celebrate Jesus Christ.
- 23 As the College is closed for the Christmas season, pray that our employees will find time to rest.
- 24 "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" Pray for peace on this earth.
- 25 "Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!" Thank God for sending his only son that we might live through Him.
- 26 Joy to the World! Pray that our students who don't know Jesus can come to the joy only known in Him.
- 27 Pray that we will carry out this season's themes of hope, peace, joy and love throughout the New Year. May we incorporate the lessons we have learned this Advent season into our lives as we grow to be stronger Christians.
- 28 Thank God for the parents of our students who sacrifice time, energy, money and more to send their students to Sterling and entrust them into our care.
- 29 Pray for our marketing and communications staff as they promote the accomplishments of our students, faculty and staff.
- 30 Pray that this holiday break will be renewing for all on campus who are home with family and friends.
- 31 Preparing to bring in the New Year, take a moment to reflect on the blessings the Lord bestowed on you and those you love in 2019.

"This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!"
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)